

Whereas Pope John Paul II died on April 2, 2005, after heroically proclaiming the value and dignity of human life through his long physical illness and suffering;

Whereas the passing of Pope John Paul II is mourned by billions of people around the world; and

Whereas Pope John Paul II is already being referred to as Pope John Paul the Great: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) notes with deep sorrow and solemn mourning the death of His Holiness, Pope John Paul II;

(2) extends its heartfelt sympathy to all people who have been touched by the passing of John Paul II;

(3) commends Pope John Paul II for his ability to transcend the bounds of religion, race, and political thought, becoming a formidable champion, uniter, and defender in humanity's struggle for peace and basic human rights; and

(4) calls on all the people of the United States to reflect on the life and legacy of Pope John Paul II during this international period of remembrance.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 265. Mr. NELSON of Florida submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1268, Making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, to establish and rapidly implement regulations for State driver's license and identification document security standards, to prevent terrorists from abusing the asylum laws of the United States, to unify terrorism-related grounds for inadmissibility and removal, to ensure expeditious construction of the San Diego border fence, and for other purposes; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

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At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. . PROHIBITION ON REDUCTION IN NUMBER OF OPERATIONAL AIRCRAFT CARRIERS OF THE NAVY.

(a) PROHIBITION.—No funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act, or by any other Act, for fiscal year 2005 may be obligated or expended to reduce the number of operational aircraft carriers of the Navy from 12 operational aircraft carriers to 11 operational aircraft carriers.

(b) OPERATIONAL AIRCRAFT CARRIER.—In this section, the term "operational aircraft carrier" includes an aircraft carrier that is unavailable due to maintenance or repair.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that the Subcommittee on National Parks of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources has scheduled a hearing to review management and planning issues for the National Mall, including the history of development, security projects and other planned construction, and future development plans.

The hearing will be held on Tuesday April 12th, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, SD-364 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact Tom Lillie at (202) 224-5161 or Brian Carlstrom at (202) 224-6293.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing on developing a reliable supply of oil from domestic oil shale and oil sands resources has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2005, at 10 a.m., in Room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to discuss opportunities to advance technology that will facilitate environmentally friendly development of oil shale and oil sands resources. The hearing will address legislative and administrative actions necessary to provide incentives for industry investment, as well as explore concerns and experiences of other governments and organizations and the interests of industry.

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For further information, please contact Dick Bouts at (202) 224-7545 or Amy Millet at (202) 224-8276.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet on Tuesday, April 5, 2005, at 9:30 a.m., in Room 562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing on S. 113, a bill to

modify the date as of which certain tribal land of the Lytton Rancheria of California is deemed to be held in trust.

Those wishing additional information may contact the Indian Affairs Committee at 224-2251.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Strategic Forces of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 4, 2005 at 2 p.m., in open and closed session to receive testimony on strategic forces and nuclear weapons issues in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2006.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that at 4:45 p.m., on Tuesday, the Senate proceed to a vote on adoption of a resolution which is at the desk relating to the passing of Pope John Paul II.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I understand there is an announcement to be made.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET FOR THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2006

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate proceeds to the consideration of H. Con. Res. 95; all after the resolving clause is stricken; the text of S. Con. Res. 18, as agreed to by the Senate, is inserted in lieu thereof; H. Con. Res. 95, as amended, is agreed to. The Senate insists on its amendment and requests a conference with the House, and the Chair appoints Mr. GREGG, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. SARBANES, and Mrs. MURRAY conferees on the part of the Senate.

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 95), as amended, was agreed to.

RELATING TO THE DEATH OF HOWELL T. HEFLIN, FORMER UNITED STATES SENATOR FOR THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 93, submitted earlier today by Senator REID and others.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.